

Lairg Magazine

LAIRG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

Following the death of Her Majesty The Queen, a book of condolence has been set up in Lairg Library for people who wish to pay tribute. The book will be available to sign during library opening hours until Tuesday 20th September.

Deputy Lieutenant Sheila Stewart commented: "It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of Her Majesty The Queen. Queen Elizabeth II was such an inspiration showing an outstanding example of wonderful service and dedication to the UK and Commonwealth. She was a symbol of stability over such an incredibly long reign in which the world has seen many changes.

My condolences to all the members of the Royal Family.

We look back with gratitude and look forward to offering our support and loyalty to The King."



Coronation Chicken

In memory of the Queen we thought that we would share this classic recipe that was developed for the banquet of the Queen's Coronation in 1953. Make a classic coronation chicken filling to serve with jacket potatoes or in sandwiches and salads. It's an excellent way to use up leftover chicken after a roast .

Ingredients

- 6 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2-3 tsp mild curry powder, to taste
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tbsp mango chutney
- 1-3 tbsp sultanas, or to taste
- 500g shredded cooked chicken

Method

STEP 1

Mix the mayo, curry powder, cinnamon, chutney and sultanas together and season with black pepper.

STEP 2

Add the shredded chicken and stir to coat in the sauce. Stir in 2 tbsp water to loosen if needed, then season and serve as desired.



Lairg War Memorial Centenary Celebration

Thank you so much to everyone who has handed in or sent LDCI your hand knitted & crocheted poppies for the Lairg War Memorial Centenary display. We must have received over 1000! Mostly from people within the local community but also from people across the UK. We are very grateful for all your support.

Sewing sessions are still taking place on Tuesday evenings from 6-8pm at the Maker Space in Lairg & District Learning Centre to complete the cascade in time for the celebration on the 30th

September. If you would like to come along to the final session on the 20th September your help would be very much appreciated!

We have been asked by the Rogart branch of the British Legion if we have some spare poppies that we could donate to them for their Centenary celebration (also taking place this September), so some of you may see your poppies on the Lairg display and on the Rogart one too.

A reminder that this is a community event that is open to everyone. Please see the timetable below:

War Memorial Centenary Event Schedule

Friday 30th September 2022

10.45 am – Gather at the Lairg War Memorial

11.00 am – Service Commences

Noon – Refreshments at the Community Centre

All Welcome!



1. Who directed the films 'Pulp Fiction' and 'Reservoir Dogs'?
2. How is the medical condition Cerebral Apoplexy more commonly known?
3. What is the most northerly island of the Inner Hebrides?
4. What is the name of the last leader of the Soviet Union who recently died at the age of 91?
5. In what US city did the St Valentine's Day Massacre take place?
6. What is the name for the markings on a dice?
7. What were the first names of the infamous Kray twins?
8. Which Scottish football club was the first British club to win the European cup, in 1967?
9. What was the name of The Lone Ranger's horse?
10. Guacamole is normally made primarily from which fruit?
11. What was the number of the last Apollo manned flight to the moon?
12. Which two countries does Patagonia span?
13. The fictional city of Los Santos is a setting in what video game series?
14. How many UK Number One singles have the Spice Girls had?
15. Which Italian poet wrote 'Inferno', describing the nine circles of hell?
16. What type of creature is a Tree Creeper?
17. Traditionally, what is the name of the baker in the card game 'Happy Families'?
18. What English lexicographer took nine years to complete the Dictionary of the English Language in the 18th century?
19. Which comic book character's arch-nemesis was called 'Ming the Merciless'?
20. Name the part of a guitar which is also a word meaning to worry?



LDCI COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Thank you to everybody who has responded to our survey regarding the future of Playpark provision in Lairg. We have had 40 responses so far. If you haven't done so yet, the survey will be open until the 30th September for you to give us your views.



You can fill out the online consultation form by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera or by logging on to:
<http://www.lairginitiative.co.uk/playpark-provision.html>



Here is the latest news from Lairg Primary School - this month it is the turn of the P6/7s to update us on what they have been focussing on since they returned to school after the Summer holidays...



This term we have been learning about different types of triangles. Our challenge was to build a paper structure using triangles made from paper rolls.

We have been learning about place value and we got to build numbers by kicking a football through the cones marked by its value. We had to keep track of the scores and use these to create the final correct number. It was great fun!



LEGO MASTERS PLACE VALUE CHALLENGE!

In teams we build houses with different lego pieces having their own value. We recorded the pieces we used and calculated the total value of our builds. We won certificates for: The Most Brilliant Creation, The Most Realistic Creation, The Most Imaginative Creation, and The Best Looking Creation!



We have focused on a different country around the world each day. We have played a game called Global and everyday it has a different country for us to find.

Thank you to local artist Jan Blackwell for allowing us to print excerpts of her illustrations and notes from her own journal. Here is September's diary entry. If you would like to see more of her work you can follow her on Facebook and Instagram. See:

www.facebook.com/janblackwellhighlandjournal/ and www.instagram.com/highland_journal_art/



LDCI Quiz Answers

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| 1. Quentin Tarantino | 8. Celtic | 15. Dante Alighieri |
| 2. A stroke | 9. Silver | 16. A bird |
| 3. Skye | 10. Avocados | 17. Mr Bun |
| 4. Mikhail Gorbachev | 11. 17 | 18. Samuel Johnson |
| 5. Chicago | 12. Argentina and Chile | 19. Flash Gordon |
| 6. Pips | 13. Grand Theft Auto | 20. Fret |
| 7. Ronnie and Reggie | 14. 9 | |

How did you do?

1-5/20	5-10/20	10-15/20	15-20/20
Poor	Okay	Good	Excellent

Friday 23rd September

**CLIMATE
FRINGE
Festival**
sept 2022

Lairg Community Centre

SWISHING EVENT

4pm - 7pm

With free crafting
activities throughout
the event.

swap don't shop!
Update your wardrobe
in a sustainable way at
this climate friendly
clothes swap.

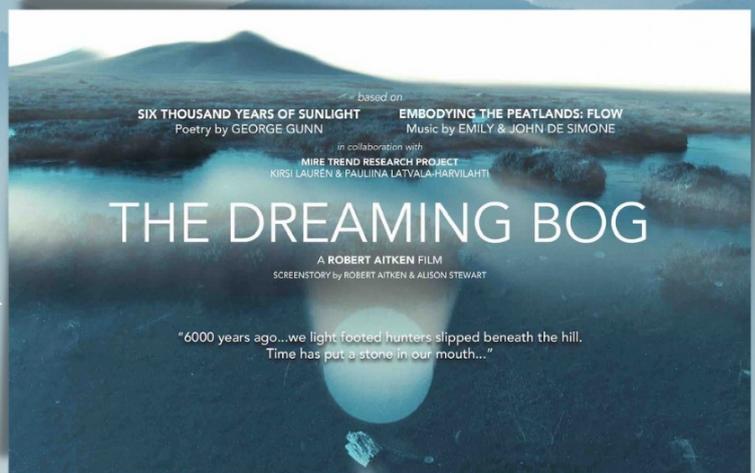
£5 for your lot!

FILM SCREENING

ft. conversation and Q&A session

7pm - 9pm

£5 entry



Tickets for the film can be booked via Eventbrite or by contacting
Lairg & District Learning Centre
on admin@lairglearningcentre.org.uk or 01549 402050



Glasgow Gas Street Lights went out on the 1st September 1971

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“LICHTIE”

The lamplighters - or *Lichties* - were a familiar sight on the streets of Glasgow as they dashed from lamp to lamp before dusk with their long ladders and lighting poles.



A Lamplighter

The 19th century began with the discovery of the illuminating properties of coal gas by William Murdoch paving the way for a transformation of night time in Glasgow. In 1817, the Gas Light Company was formed, and on the 15th September 1818 the first street light proper was lit.

The last remaining gas street lamp in the city, in North Portland Street, was ceremoniously lit *[for its last night]* on the 1st September 1971, by Lord Provost Sir Donald Liddle (picture below from *The Herald, Scotland*).



The Last Lamp

The *Lichties* kept the street lamps burning for more than 150 years with the last flame being snuffed out just 51 years ago this month. While the gas street lights went out in 1971, the Lichties still attended 12,664 gas lights in the city's stairwells and closes.

By then, the lamplighters took the more formal title of “public lighting maintenance engineers” with staff also looking after almost 150,000 electric stair lamps.

The first electric lights were introduced to Glasgow in 1893. By 1914 the Corporation Lighting Department was responsible for 19,437 gas and 1,541 electric street lights. As electricity became more popular, gas lights were phased out. By 1955 the Corporation maintained 7,723 gas lights compared to 33,186 electric street lights. In 2004 the once-familiar figure of the “Lichtie” has faded from the public memory.

Planet Sutherland



Are you fed up making jam yet? Fed up eating courgettes? Would a produce swap event in Lairg help?

Our Ardgay September **Plant, Produce & Seed Swap**, run by the KoSDT, was again very popular and certainly something we could look to run in Lairg. We swapped loads of stuff from spring greens seedlings to herbs, and shared excess garden produce such as lettuce, tomatoes, greengages, blueberries and seeds for winter planting. Would you like to see a garden / food / produce swap in Lairg soon? Please get in touch.

And we also launched our #eatmoreveg pledge. You can sign up to the pledge and learn about the benefits of seasonal veg eating at the next Lairg Market.

September Carbon Cafe, Lairg – The date has still to be finalised, but please look out for our next carbon cafe in Lairg on the last week of September, where we'll have a guided round table discussion to share ideas on how we can all reduce our energy use and save money.

For more info and to start or continue your climate saving journey, please join us or check out PlanetSutherland.com or email anna@planetsutherland.com

Lairg Community Centre

To commemorate the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and in celebration of the funeral the monthly Lairg Community Market due to be held Monday 19th September has been cancelled.

Our next Community Market will be held Monday 17th October.

As always refreshments will be provided.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing our stallholders and customers again in October!

The Lairg Community Centre and Community Market are made possible due to the volunteers who donate their time and energy to encourage events and ensure the Community Centre remains available for the local people of Lairg and surrounding areas. There is great opportunity available to build people skills, gain certain recognition/qualifications and be supported through an incredible team. If you or anyone you know might be interested in providing their time and effort to their Community Centre please get in touch by contacting Ros our administrator by email lairgcommunitycentre@gmail.com or call 01549 402 843



Would you like to *lead the way?*

THINK NATURE HEALTH WALKS

Lairg Health Walks

*Walking can lift your mood
and make you feel happier*



Join us for a **CREATIVE WALK**

**LAIRG & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

Tuesday 20th September at 10.30am

Meet at Ferrycroft Car Park

WALK & WATERCOLOURS: come along and enjoy watercolour painting in nature on the Ferrycroft Woodland Trail.

Materials will be provided and refreshments will be available.

For more information or to book a place please contact:
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